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Re Application of:

Oswaldo da Costa e Silva et al.

Serial No. 09/828,447 ✓

Filed: April 6, 2001

For: **Signal Transduction Stress-Related
Proteins and Methods of Use
in Plants**

Art Unit: 1638 ✓

Examiner: Cynthia Collins

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Mail Stop AF
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 30, 2003, Applicants submit the present amendments and remarks, and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the remaining claims.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 36, 40, 50, 53, and 57 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend Claims 37-39, 41-49, 51, 52, 54-56, and 58 as follows:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)

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